

# ENGLISH 11 HONORS (2009 -2010)

This is your summer reading list for entering English 11 Honors

**READING – The following is required and will be the first novel discussed for the fall semester:**

*The Great Gatsby (Fitzgerald)*

**I. Elements of the Novel: Keep a reading journal which includes 4 – 6 concrete details (quotes/citations) with commentary for each section below including page number after concrete detail. Be sure to use quotes from the beginning, middle and end of the novel.**

**A. Characters:**

a) First Person Narrator and the effect on the novel

b) Choose a pair

1) Tom and Gatsby

2) Myrtle and Daisy

Use quotes and commentary discussing the juxtaposition of each pair

**B. Theme: The American Dream**

**C. Setting as it affects the theme**

**D. Color as Archetypal Symbols**

**II. Interpretation of the title (7 – 11 sentence paragraph)**

**III. Background on the Author PARAPHRASE IN YOUR OWN WORDS and cite source(s).**

**You will be required to write an in-class essay (60 minutes) based on your selections the first 6 weeks. Reading Journals must be typed or in blue or black ink and are due at the end of Aug.**

OTHER READING CHOICES: These are additional selections NOT TO BE SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE READINGS ABOVE. Choose one that you have not read before and be ready to do a note card response the first two weeks of school. This is a test grade.

Jane Eyre (Bronte)

The Crossing (McCarthy)

Animal Dreams (Kingsolver)

Typical American (Jen)

O' Pioneer (Cather)

The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man (JW Johnson)

Girl with a Pearl Earring (Chevalier)

Black Boy (Wright)

The Joy Luck Club (Tan)

Surfacing (Atwood)

Tale of Two Cities (Dickens)

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The following are readings you will be expected to know, read one if you have not yet done so.

A Raisin in the Sun (Hansberry)

Lord of the Flies (Golding)

Death of a Salesman (Miller)

Ethan Frome (Wharton)

Animal Farm (Orwell)

Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Twain)

Call of the Wild (London)

Antigone (Sophocles)

A Separate Peace (Knowles)

To Kill a Mockingbird (Lee)

The Catcher in the Rye (Salinger)